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MRS. RUTH HYDE PAINE

Witness Tells How Oswald Got Book Depository Job

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A Texas kindergarten teacher testified at the Clay L. Shaw trial yesterday that a chance remark led to Lee Harvey Oswald's job on the route of President John F. Kennedy's fateful Dallas motorcade in 1963.

The teacher, Ruth Hyde Paine of Irving, Tex., was called by the defense at Shaw's trial. He is charges with conspiring with Oswald and others to assassinate Kennedy.

Mrs. Paine testified she made an inquiry, without Oswald's knowledge, that resulted in his applying for work at the Texas School Book Depository. It was from this building, the Warren Commission said, that Oswald alone shot and killed the President on Nov. 22, 1963.

Commission on Trial.

The commission, which found no credible evidence of conspiracy, has, in effect, been put on trial alongside the big, gray-haired Shaw, retired 55-year-old New Orleans businessman.

The state spent most of yesterday trying to discredit the FBI's investigation for the commission.

Court adjourned after Mrs. Paine's testimony and chief defense counsel F. Irvin Dymond said his next witness when the trial resumes at 9 a.m. tomorrow, will be Army Lt. Col. Pierre A. Finck, one of the doctors who performed the Kennedy autopsy.

Dymond's questioning of Mrs. Paine apparently was aimed at rebutting the conspiracy claim and showing that Oswald's presence on the motorcade route was by chance, not design.

Mrs. Paine, 36, a slender, 5-foot-10 brunette, told of befriending the Oswalds after meeing them at a Dallas party early in 1963. She said that a few months after the couple moved to New Orleans, she drove Oswald's wife, Marina, back to Irving, a dallas suburb, in Septermber.

Looking for Work

Oswald arrived Oct. 4, she said, and was looking for work. "He was getting pretty discouraged," Mrs. Paine said. At a neighbor's suggestion, she said, "I called the Texas School Book Depository and asked whether they were employing at this time, whether they had an opening."

Oswald applied the next day and got the job, she said.

Questioning by Dymond:

Q. Did Lee Harvey Oswald have any way of knowing that you were making the call?

A. No.

Mrs. Paine said she recalled Oswald as neat and clean. She said she never knew him to wear a beard, nor had she ever seen him "obviously in need of a shave."

This contradicted star prosecution witness Perry Raymond Russo, who has testified Oswald was a dirty, bearded beatnik "roommate" of a homosexual in New Orleans in mid-September 1963. Russo said he heard Oswald, Shaw and David W. Ferrie, a former airlines pilot, plotting to kill Kennedy. Both Oswald and Ferrie are dead.

Pictures Introduced

Earlier, the state introduced into evidence blown-up prints of pictures from the Warren Commission Report. Dymond demanded anew that the entire work of the commission be admitted in evidence, but Criminal Dist. Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. ruled: "I'm not letting the Warren Report in."

FBI firearms expert Robert A. Frazier of Washington was called by the defense and testified he found no evidence to indicate that shots which hit Kennedy were fired from any spot other than a sixth-floor window of the depository where Oswald worked.